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SUBJECT: SECRETARIAT REQUIREMENTS: MEDIA REPORTS

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1. THERE ARE NO ENGLISH LANGUAGE WIRE SERVICES RECEIVED IN KINSHASA. AP, UPI AND REUTERS SIGNALS MONITORED BY USIS DURING EXTENSIVE TESTS HAVE HAD A DISTRESSING TENDENCY TO WASH OUT, LEAVING MUCH GARBLED OR COMPLETELY UNINTELLIGIBLE COPY.

2. CONTENT OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE COMMERCIAL SERVICES RECEIVED HERE ALSO LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED. SERVICES OFTEN SWITCH FROM ENGLISH TO FRENCH. IN ADDITION THEY OFFER RATHER SOFT BUDGET OF NEWS, E.G., FEATURES OR SPORTS, RATHER THAN SOLID "A" TRUNK WIRES PRODUCED FOR DOMESTIC AND/OR WESTERN EUROPEAN CLIENTS.

3. WITH THESE CAVEATS, WE ARE STILL PREPARED TO TRY TO PRODUCE A MEATY, READABLE FILE. WE WOULD BOLSTER THIS SERVICE WITH TWICE DAILY VOA NEWS SUMMARIES. THERE IS NO PROBLEM, HOWEVER, WITH HIGH-QUALITY WIRELESS FILE RECEPTION.

4. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FOR NEXT-DAY SPECIAL DELIVERY OF THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, WHICH NORMALLY ARRIVES TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION. CUTLER

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